

**On National duty**



(Top to bottom) Colonel Hamad Muhammad Al-Khayyat, the Director of Operations Department at the Ministry of Interior, Sheikh Ali bin Khalifa bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, the Director of Charitable Resources Development Department and General Coordinator for Governmental and Official Entities at the Royal Foundation for Humanitarian Works, and His Highness Sheikh Salman bin Hamad bin Mohammed Al Khalifa volunteer for the third Phase clinical trial of China-based Sinopharm's COVID-19 vaccine candidate at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre (BIECC). The trial approved by the National Health Regulatory Authority (NHRA) involves up to 6,000 volunteers aged more than 18 years, according to the Bahrain Ministry of Health.

**Show full commitment**

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“The medical and nursing staff and other supporting personnel who are grappling with the virus in the front deserve our recognition and appreciation of their sacrifices – by behaving responsibly and showing full commitment,” she pointed out.

On this note, the minister called on all to show “determination and resolve, more than ever, by adhering fully to the instructions of the National Taskforce for Combating COVID-19.”

Earlier, the Government Executive committee chaired by HRH the Crown Prince has urged citizens and residents to limit gatherings to members of

the same household and close social circle for 2 weeks until 1 October 2020 to flatten the curve.

The committee required a firm commitment to wearing masks in public settings and limiting outings to necessities, while strictly observing social distancing measures.

Recently the World Health Organisation has warned that the surging coronavirus figures across the world should serve as a “wake-up call”.

World Health Organization’s regional director Hans Kluge said: “We have a very serious situation unfolding before us.”

More than 950,000 people have died since the coronavirus emerged in China late last year.

**Bahrain Chamber webinar on “Training and Corporate Prosperity”**

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The Bahrain Chamber is organising on Tuesday at 10:30 am a webinar via ZOOM on “Training and Corporate Prosperity”.

The webinar will deliberate about three main topics: The role of training institutes in enhancing corporate prosperity, the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, and the main chal-

period. Speaking at the event will be a board member and head of the education committee of the chamber Dr Waheeb Al Khaja, MP Ahmed Al Salloom and member of the education committee and chairman of the board of directors of Bahrain Society of Private Training Institutes Nawaf Al Jeshi.

To register, use this link:

**GDN’s George Williams retires**

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GDN’s Editor-in-Chief George Williams has retired from his position after spending more than four decades in Bahrain’s Press industry.

In the last 42 years, Williams has played an important role in the growth of the newspaper.

He has made major contributions in highlighting Bahrain’s landmark achievements while also reporting widely on regional developments.

Williams, who has worked alongside journalists from dif-



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ferent countries, stressed that his time in the Kingdom has

gifted him many unforgettable memories.

“Not many can boast of living 42 years in a job – not a bad shift – and they have been wonderful ones.”

Williams was recently honoured by Bahrain Journalists Association (BJA) for his dedication, loyalty and countless contributions to journalism in Bahrain.

“I feel privileged to be honoured by my peers at the BJA and appreciate the good work you are doing in promoting Press freedoms and reforms in Bahrain,” Williams said on the occasion.

**620 tested positive in 24 hours**

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As many as 620 people tested positive for the COVID-19 infection in the past 24 hours in the Kingdom, taking the overall tally past the 64,499 mark.

Meanwhile, with one more casualty yesterday, the death toll increased to 221.

Those tested positive yesterday includes 98 expatriate workers, 519 new contacts of positive cases, and 3 travel-related cases.

Bahrain also recorded 599 recoveries yesterday, raising total recoveries to 57,299.



Shura Council members taking part in a webinar organised by the Shura Council’s Secretariat-General on the pivotal role played by Supreme Council for Women (SCW), under the leadership of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Wife of HM the King and SCW President, to develop Bahrain women across various fields. The online seminar held as part of the parliamentary support for the SCW members, and in line with the directives of Shura Council Chairman, Ali bin Saleh Al-Saleh, reviewed the role of Bahraini women in the political decision-making process.

**COVID-19 violations: Rooftop cafe shut**



Pictures courtesy of AlAyam. Police arrest 35 expatriate workers for violation of restrictions related to COVID-19 pandemic

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The Inspection Department at the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism shut a rooftop cafe for serving food and drinks to expatriate workers without adhering to COVID-19 precautionary meas-

ures.

Officials said at the time of the raid the restaurant had 35 customers, all expatriate workers.

Health officials said the restaurant failed to ensure social distancing measures between tables or any other health requirements for serving food.

The officials were acting on a tip-off received at the Al-Naeem Police Station regarding a cafe serving food and drinks to customers on the roof of the restaurant.

“The Inspection Department closed the café administratively, as the police evacuated the res-

taurant by taking into custody all those present,” an official added.

The Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism stressed the importance of adhering to the health requirements while warning that violators will face legal actions.

**#VandeBharatMission**



Air India Express Flight IX 1376 from Bahrain to Kozhikode departs from Bahrain International Airport with total 170 passengers onboard. The flight is operated part of Vande Bharat Mission to help those stranded due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. According to the Civil Aviation Ministry of India, Air India Group has operated 5 335 repatriation flights and carried 701 703 passengers as part of the mission which will continue until 31 October 2020. (Picture courtesy of